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NEWS FROM THE IUGS OFFICE

Message from the IUGS President: Vale Professor Eugen Seibold

On October 23rd, former IUGS' President, Prof. Eugen Seibold passed away aged 95. Born May 11. 1918, he studied geology in Bonn and Tübingen, received his doctorate in 1949, and his habilitation in 1951. From 1953 to 1958 he was Professor of Geology at University of Tübingen and from 1958 he acted as director of the "Geologisch-Paläontologischen Institut" in Kiel, with his major focus on marine geology. Eugen Seibold received many honours for his scientific achievements in geology. He was member and honorary member of the "Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina" in Halle, the "Mainzer Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Literatur", as well as corresponding member of the "Bayerische, Göttinger, Kroatische und Nordrheinisch-Westfälische Akademie der Wissenschaften". He was member of the "Académie des Sciences" in Paris. The Universities of Norwich and Paris honored Eugen Seibold with their doctor title. Last but not least he was elected President of IUGS from 1980 to 1984. From 1980 to 1985 Eugen Seibold was president of the German Science foundation (DFG) and from 1980 to 1983 vice president and 1984 to 1990 president of the European Science Foundation. Eugen Seibold influenced Europe's and the world's earth science community. IUGS is grateful to him and we will keep his memory.

R. Oberhänsli
President of IUGS

ICSU GeoUnions meeting

President Roland Oberhänsli and Secretary General Ian Lambert attended an ICSU GeoUnions meeting in Antalya, Turkey from 16-18 November, which discussed, inter alia, potential contributions to the ICSU-led Future Earth (FE) initiative.

Ian Lambert presented IUGS' Resourcing Future Generations (RF) proposal. There was support for developing the RFG theme 4 – on data and skills in developing world – as a component of FE, with a working title "Data and Skills for Sustainable Development Planning". This would involve all GeoUnions that wish to contribute, and would encompass social science inputs through the International Geographical Union. In general terms all unions would provide data, etc, for selected demonstration region(s) and show how these can be used in integrated assessments of resource potential, land use decisions, development planning, etc.

In addition, RFG theme 1 – resource flows until the end of the century – will also be developed as a potential component of FE, at least for minerals and energy commodities.

In promising developments, UNESCO has expressed interest in discussing RFG and the Chair of FE Science Committee has acknowledged the importance of geoscience inputs and that mining will continue to be required to produce resources needed by future generations.

IUGS' New Activities Strategic Implementation Committee (NASIC) is seeking comments on what the priorities for RFG should be. Background material has been posted on the IUGS website www.iugs.org (RESOURCING FUTURE GENERATIONS tab).

NASIC will present an updated report on the implementation of RFG for discussion at the IUGS Executive meeting in Goa, February 2014.

NEWS FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD

3rd World YES Congress 2014 – Call for sessions

The 3rd world Young Earth Scientists (YES) Congress will be held in Dar es Salam, Tanzania, in conjunction with the 25th Colloquium of African Geology. These events will take place from 11th - 14th August 2014 (3rd YES Congress) and 14th -16th August 2014 (25th Colloquium of African Geology). The theme for the 3rd YES Congress is: “Bridging Geo-Generations into Global Earth Science Integration” and the theme for the CAG25 is “Earth Sciences for Improving Livelihood in Africa”.

We would like to invite all geoscientists and earth scientists to submit proposals for scientific sessions, which will cover all aspects of Earth sciences. For more information and to download the first circular, please visit the YES Network website: <http://bit.ly/I1QJTx> and the 3rd YES Congress website at: www.yescongress.org/2014.

RECENT INFORMATION ON PUBLICATIONS

Newsletters & E-Journals:

1. The International Council for Science (ICSU) Newsletter can be accessed through: <http://www.icsu.org/news-centre/insight>
2. The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) E-Journal can be accessed through: <http://www.iugg.org/publications/ejournals/>
3. The Société Algérienne de Géophysique (SAGA) Newsletter can be accessed through: www.sag.dz
4. The International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) E-bulletin can be accessed through: <http://www.igbp.net/>
5. The Mineral Research & Exploration Bulletin (Turkey) can be accessed through: <http://www.mta.gov.tr/v2.0/eng/all-bulletins.php?id=145> - down
6. The UN SPIDER e-bulletin since January 2013 can be accessed through: <http://www.un-spider.org/about/updates/un-spider-updates-january-2013>
7. The European Federation of Geologists GeoNews can be accessed through <http://www.eurogeologists.de/>
8. The European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage (ProGeo) Newsletter can be accessed through <http://www.progeo.se/>

Magazines

EARTH magazine online can be accessed through: <http://www.earthmagazine.org/>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The 35th International Geological Congress – Cape Town, South Africa: 27 August to 4 September 2016

Preparations for the 35th IGC is in good progress and according to plan. A meeting of the IGC Committee of the IUGS was held on 26 October 2013 at the GSA meeting in Denver, Colorado. The 35th IGC had a booth at this event to promote the Congress. A talk was also presented on the evening of 29 October 2013 in order to promote the event. The visit of the 35th IGC delegation to Denver proved to be very successful and many useful contacts were made and a number of meetings with role-players were held.

During the IGCC meeting the preparations for the 35th IGC were reported and discussed. As was stated earlier, the 35th IGC Scientific program will be focusing on three broad themes: Geology in Science, Geology in the Economy and Geology in Society. These are currently being expanded to include a total of about 40 sub-themes, within which the sessions will be included. Any suggestions for sub-themes or sessions are welcome and can be directed at the Scientific Program Chair, Prof Jay Barton at jay.barton@telkomsa.net.

We are also planning several spectacular field trips covering many of the geological superlatives on the African continent. The Chair of the Field Trip Committee, Chris Hatton, can be contacted at chatton@geoscience.org.za for more information. More detailed information and an outline of all field trips will appear soon in the 35th IGC First Circular. For the time being, you can find some information regarding some of the planned field trips on the IGC 35 website at: <http://www.35igc.org>.

The LOC is also working hard on the Geohost program, which will sponsor students and young geoscientists to attend the 35th IGC. This program is very dependent on sponsorship. If you would be interested in helping us to achieve this vision, please contact Jeanette McGill at jeannette.mcgill@gmail.com, in charge of this portfolio.

Should you be interested in sponsoring the 35th IGC, please contact Mike Wuth (mikew@xbt.co.za). If you are interested to exhibit at the 35th IGC, please contact the PCO's Lesley Ferreira at lesley@cebisaconferences.co.za.

We look forward to welcoming you to Cape Town, one of the ten most popular tourist destinations on the globe!

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Other forthcoming events

All forthcoming events are listed on the IUGS website (<http://www.iugs.org>) and will remain published until the event concludes. The website was very active during the last months, according to our record 72 new events were recently posted. To see the IUGS listing of forthcoming geoscience meetings, conferences and workshops, go to the Calendar section of the IUGS website at:

<http://iugs.org/index.php?page=calendar&phpMyAdmin=2c9f06db78f0953a55b10dcfdc5907f6>

The IUGS website lists more "geo" related events than any other website devoted to such information. Analysis of the IUGS website statistics indicates that the "IUGS Calendar" section is one of the most frequently visited elements of our website with regular hits from over 160 countries. The IUGS is pleased to continue this service to help promote all "geo" related events.

Please email your meeting/conferences posting requests/information directly to the IUGS Secretariat at iugs.beijing@gmail.com, or to the IUGS Webmaster at: pbobrows@NRCan.gc.ca to be listed on the website of the IUGS.

NEED TO CONTACT A GEOSCIENCE ORGANIZATION AROUND THE WORLD?

The Directory of Geoscience Organizations of the World produced by the Geological Survey of Japan includes web links to national geological surveys as well as state and provincial geological surveys at: <http://www.gsj.jp/information/gsj-link/dir/index.html>

The geology.com website with news and information about geology and earth science also lists geological organizations and agencies: <http://geology.com/groups.html>

SINCE THIS WILL BE THE LAST E-BULLETIN OF THE YEAR 2013, THE IUGS EC MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT DURING THE YEAR 2013 AND WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON.

With best regards

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